

# OSTRANDER NEWS

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### From the Desk of Ms. Hoyt

March came in like a whirlwind and kept us smiling the whole way through! Our school was buzzing with excitement during our **Reading Challenge**, and what an incredible success it was—between Mystery Readers, Masked Readers, and our school community soaring past **100,000 minutes of reading**, we truly showed the power of reading together!

We capped off the fun with an unforgettable **pep rally** that launched us straight into Spring Break. The entire school gathered for the big **Masked Reader reveal**, enjoyed a whole-school read-aloud of *The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors*, and cheered on our teachers as they battled it out in a dramatic Rock-Paper-Scissors showdown. What a way to end the month and kick off a well-deserved break!

We hope everyone returned rested, recharged, and ready to shine, because April brings some important moments. Our **5th graders** will take on the **Science State Test**, and students in **grades 3–6** will be showing their skills during **ELA State Testing**. Rest up, do your best, and show the world just how amazing Ostrander students truly are!

We are so proud of our school and all the learning, laughter, and teamwork that make Ostrander such a special place.

**One Team, Everyone Succeeds!** ❤️



### Upcoming Events

- 4/7 School Reopens
- 4/10 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- 4/13 Hudson Valley Paws for a Cause/Therapy Dog (Gr. 4)
- 4/14 NYS Science Assessment (Gr. 5)
- 4/17 Spring Fling Dance (UPK-Gr. 6)  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 4/21 Author's Day Assembly with Timothy Young
- 4/21 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
@ Leptondale Elementary School
- 4/23 Wax Museum (Gr. 5)  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- 4/29 UPK Field Trip to Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum
- 4/29-30 NYS ELA Assessment Grades 3-6
- 5/4 PTO Meeting with District Budget Presentation 7:00 p.m.
- 5/5-6 NYS Math Assessment Grades 3-6

### Unplugged Challenge Participants

The following amazing students participated in our unplugged challenge March 6-7 by being technology-free for 24 hours. To celebrate, they have earned a special reward with Ms. Hoyt. More information will be sent home soon!

**UPK:** Clarie Moreno Ortiz, Danielle Wickman

**Kindergarten:** Gabriel Bastedo, James Clampet, Avery Kiernan, Parker Nichols, Miloh Robinson, Benjamin Sgro, Ariella Stokes

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Luke Ghiorse, Ella Kosits, Steven Schuyler, Jackson Spano, Ethan Strock, Kelsey Wohlgemuth, Kylie Wohlgemuth

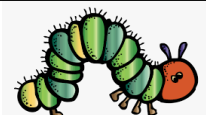
**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Isabel Bastedo, Ella Brown, Jason Fitzsimmons, Dylan Kreuzcher, Dominic Mantello, Jonah Troychock

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Ayden Bogle, Eloise Champlin, Julia Crispell, Isabella Giudice, Shoshana Mendoza, Sophia Schuyler, Daniel Sgro, Leilani Sutka, Ellev Timm, Raegan VanHouten, Matthew Wickman, Noah Zuniga

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Aaron Peligri, Hazel Troychock, Elijah Witschard

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Matthew Fitzsimmons, Analise Sutka, Frankie Wright III

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Kaden Kreuzcher



### OSTRANDER ELEMENTARY IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

- 895-7225 Announcement Line
- 895-7232 Attendance Office
- 895-7231 Health Office
- 895-7229 Health Office Fax
- 895-7225 Main Office
- 895-8043 Main Office Fax



# HAPPY SPRING!

## **March's PAWS-itive Students of the Month "KIND"**

Oliver Alarcon  
Dominic Bernardo  
Ella Brown  
Clara Carney  
Braden Collins  
Olivia Cotton  
Acacia Dandreaano  
Yanoah Deguerre  
Emily Duncan  
Roobynio Fortunat  
Audrey Hupczey  
Joseph Johnson  
Cooper Kosteczko  
Justice Lanham  
Abagale Lugo  
Kayden Lyons  
Ava Mannina  
Avery Markham  
Fallyn McAuley  
Grady Miller  
Harper Morgan  
Aurora Ramos  
Sophia Schuyler  
Rowan Shaw  
Lillian Slivka  
Amy Solis  
Rocco Sorice  
Martin Tobiyah  
Blake Vernooy  
Leo Viviano  
Miya Wands  
Kylie Wohlgemuth  
Noah Zuniga

## **One Team, Everyone Succeeds**

Each month, we will recognize and celebrate students who demonstrate a positive character trait. We are excited to celebrate our amazing students!

## **APRIL'S TRAIT IS PATIENT**

*What does it mean to be patient? Someone who can remain calm when dealing with a difficult or annoying situation, task, or person.*

*Here are some ways to be patient at school:*

- *Waiting your turn to speak during class discussions instead of calling out.*
- *Standing calmly when in line for lunch or recess.*
- *Listening quietly while a classmate shares an idea.*
- *Reading or drawing quietly while waiting for the next activity to begin.*
- *Waiting calmly to use shared supplies.*
- *What are some other ways to show patience at Ostrander?*